

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this communication, claim 26 is cancelled and claims 1, 8, 16, 18, 23, 25, and 27-29 are amended. Hence, claims 1-16 and 18-25, and 27-31 are pending in the application.

Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application, in view of the foregoing amendments.

In the Claims

Statutory Disclaimers

With regard to claims 1-16 and 18-25, and 27-31, Applicant provides herewith a terminal disclaimer to obviate a provisional double patenting rejection over a pending "reference" application that disclaims, except as provided therein, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of any patent granted on pending reference Application Number 10826435 (Docket: CNTR.2075), filed on 04/16/2004, as such term is defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 and 173, and as the term of any patent granted on said reference application may be shortened by any terminal disclaimer filed prior to the grant of any patent on the pending reference application.

The aforementioned terminal disclaimer also disclaims, except as provided therein, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of any patent granted on pending reference Application Number 10826475 (Docket: CNTR.2223), filed on 04/16/2004, as such term is defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 and 173, and as the term of any patent granted on said reference application may be shortened by any terminal disclaimer filed prior to the grant of any patent on the pending reference application.

The aforementioned terminal disclaimer further disclaims, except as provided therein, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of any patent granted on pending reference Application Number 10826632 (Docket: CNTR.2230), filed on 04/16/2004, as such term is defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 and 173, and as the term of any

patent granted on said reference application may be shortened by any terminal disclaimer filed prior to the grant of any patent on the pending reference application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments place the subject matter of claims 1-16 and 18-25, and 27-31 in allowable form.

CONCLUSIONS

Applicant believes this to be a complete response to all of the issues raised in the instant office action and further submits, in view of the amendments and arguments advanced above, that claims 1-16 and 18-25, and 27-31 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested, and allowance of the claims is solicited.

Applicant also notes that any amendments made by way of this response, and the observations contained herein, are made solely for the purpose of expediting the patent application process in a manner consistent with the PTO's Patent business Goals (PBG), 65 Fed. Reg. 54603 (September 8, 2000), and are furthermore made without prejudice to Applicant under this or any other jurisdictions. It is moreover asserted that insofar as any subject matter might otherwise be regarded as having been abandoned or effectively disclaimed by virtue of amendments made herein and/or incorporated in attachments submitted with this response, Applicants wishes to reserve the right and hereby provides notice of intent to restore such subject matter and/or file a continuation application in respect thereof.

Applicant earnestly requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned practitioner by telephone if the Examiner has any questions or suggestions concerning this amendment, the application, or allowance of any claims thereof.

Respectfully submitted,
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